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Painted Mules.
The great London circus and menagerie
which has delighted our people for the past
four days with its magnificent chariots, little
elephants, tame tigers, acrobatic hennas, di-
minutive ponies, and well-trained company of
excellent artists broke camp late last night, and
is in Alexandria, Va., from which place they
will proceed on their Western tour.

One of the most puzzling zoological features
of this circus and menagerie was a couple of
zebras trained to work in harness. From the
time that the memory of man runneth not to
the contrary, it has been an established fact in
the history of the animal kingdom that this
striped species of horse could not possibly be
brought under the control of the *genus homo*,
yet the two specimens were in double harness,
hitched up to a sort of phaeton, moving along
our streets and avenues daily, with all the
grace and ease of a first-class mule team. The
average mind was content to believe what the
circus men said about "them zebras," but read-
ers of natural history and inquirers after knowl-
edge began to smell "paint," and through the
medium of the press went to know whether
the people, not only of Washington, but else-
where on the circuit of this show, have been
fooled on the question of "tame zebras" by
painted mules. Of the many communications
received regarding the vexed question the fol-
lowing seems to demand that the matter should
be set right by the Chronicle reporter:

WASHINGTON, June 12, 1873.

To the editor of the Chronicle.
The diversified opinions entertained relative to
the true status of "them zebras," which occasion-
ally permeate the avenues of this city, has
been the fruitful cause of a deal of acrimonious
debate among certain gentlemen of leisure, some
asserting that it is preposterous to imagine the
striped "animal" to be anything but the genuine
solid-colored mammal, direct importation from
the wilds of Southern Africa, while their oppo-
nents indignantly repudiate any such doctrine,
and are profuse in their arguments to prove them
to be simply long-eared specimens of the mongrel
breed, which have undergone the manipulations
of a first-class artist.

As the matter now stands, the latter gentle-
men seem to have rather the best of the argu-
ment, but the former being exceedingly spirited
I apprehend that unless that ubiquitous reporter
of yours comes to the rescue and settles the mat-
ter definitely by the light of his superior knowl-
edge, he will, ere long, be called upon to chroni-
cle an event that will stir society to its very
depths, wherein the "code" and its concomitants
will play the prominent parts.

Our reporter, determined not to allow the
anxious inquirers to suffer, and with zeal worthy
of a better cause, wended his way to the Sixth
street lot last evening, and was soon in conver-
sation with the keeper of "them zebras." The
animals were browsing comfortably under the
canvases in company with the ponies, and appar-
ently unconcerned regarding the solution of the
problem as to whether they were original si-
mon pure zebras or mules that had been tam-
pered with by the artists' brush.

The face and make up of the keeper indicat-
ed that he was of a social nature, in conse-
quence of which our reporter asked him out
"to see a man"—notwithstanding the fact that
he (our reporter) was in his normal sphere per-
sonally, or to use a circus phrase in this con-
nection, "Not well fixed." The keeper, whose
name was ascertained to be Gus, denied stoutly
the imputation set forth that many supposed
the zebras to be something else originally, and
entered into an elaborate account of their cap-
ture in central Africa by an attaché of the
Stanley expedition; their shipment to this
country at an enormous expense; their final
taming after great trouble, and his own efforts
in breaking them to work in single or double
harness.

After a short walk the "man was seen," in
fact several men were interviewed, and the re-
porter and Gus started back to the tent. Gus
appeared to be a little more communicative on
the home stretch, and after an intimation on
the part of our reporter that another man could
be seen if the truth of the matter could be
speedily arrived at, Gus acknowledged that the

DARNED THINGS WERE MULES.
brought in York State, were as white as the
driven snow, and had to be painted once a
week to keep up appearances. "The blasted
pair," he said, "had given him more trouble
than any other animal in the show, and he had
received more cursing about keeping them
properly painted than he was willing to stand
much longer. He didn't hire a painter, be-
sides the mules kicked up blazes every time
painting day came around."

Thanking Gus for this information, which
the reporter explained to him would settle a
much mooted question in the animal kingdom; the
trot proceeded to a neighboring stand for
lemonade, ("ice cold,") and then separated.—
Wish, Chronicle.

EXTRA PERFORMANCE AT A CIRCUS.—Dur-
ing a circus performance in Louisville, Ky., re-
cently much excitement was caused by the en-
trance of a number of soldiers. While the
athletes were throwing themselves into shapes
in the air, a spangled tumbler approached an
army officer sitting near the entrance, and re-
marked: "How are you, Colonel?" The officer re-
cognized him as a man named Rose, who had
deserted from his company in Chattanooga
some weeks before, and turning to two non-
commissioned officers ordered them to arrest
the man as a deserter from the service. The
soldiers seized Rose, and a struggle ensued,
which attracted in a moment a half-dozen cir-
cus men, who attacked the soldiers furiously.
The "boys in blue," tall, stalwart fellows,
fought desperately, but were overpowered by
numbers. The tumbler "tumbled" into the
dressing-room, and with his wardrobe under
his arm, secreted himself, and then made his
escape.

Rose came to the manager and asked for a
job saying he was a leaper and gymnast, and
was told to "go on; if he could jump a horse or
turn a somersault he would help to fill up
though such men didn't amount to much." Rose
had jumped the United States service
successfully, and accordingly he jumped into
the tight and spangles, where he was recog-
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